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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-7, 11-14 and 26 for continued examination without traverse.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10201564 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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